

# Parks and Green Spaces Levy

Status Report to Seattle City Council

March 10, 2011

# \$146M over 6 years, 2009-2014

- Acquisition \$35.70M
- Development \$87.29M
- Environment \$ 8.01M
- Opportunity Fund \$15.00M

# Acquisitions

- Neighborhood Parks \$24.00M
- Green Spaces \$ 6.00M
- Inflation \$ 5.97M

# Neighborhood Parks

- Focused to 20 Urban Villages and two other areas-Wedgwood and Beach Drive
- New park sites already acquired in:
  - Capitol Hill
  - Lake City
  - Fremont

# Urban Green Space

- Provides for urban greenbelt and natural area acquisitions.
- Acquisitions to date in Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area, Duwamish Head Greenbelt, along Thornton Creek, and others.

# Development Projects

- Neighborhood Parks + Playgrounds \$33.09M
- Cultural Facilities \$11.5M
- Playfields \$10.5M
- Major Neighborhood Parks \$10.95M
- Trails \$14.00M
- Inflation \$ 7.25M

# 23 Play Areas

- Four completed in 2009, including Atlantic Street.



# 23 Play Area Renovations

- Six completed in 2010, including John C. Little, Jr. Park.





# 23 Play Area Renovations

- Eight more play areas in design and construction during 2011.
- Five remaining play areas to be done 2012-2014, including Gas Works Park play area.

# Other Neighborhood Projects

- Chinook Beach Park completed 2009
- Queen Anne Boulevard Improvements completed in 2010.
- Camp Long lodge renovation completed 2010



# Other Neighborhood Projects

## Hubbard Homestead Park Before and After



# Other Neighborhood Projects

- Hubbard Homestead Park will open this spring.
- A skatepark will be added to Hubbard Homestead later this year.
- Skatepark at Delridge Playfield will be under construction this month.

# More Neighborhood Parks

- Spray Parks are to be built this summer at Northacres and Georgetown; and in early 2012 at Highland Park Playground.
- New park development is designed atop West Seattle and Maple Leaf reservoirs that SPU has lidded.
- Skateparks are to be designed in 2011 for Roxhill and Judkins Parks.
- Dog off-leash areas are planned for Queen Anne and Magnolia.

# More Neighborhood Parks

Projects Scheduled for 2012-2014 include:

- Hing Hay Park
- Cedar Park
- Marra Desimone Farm
- Victor Steinbrueck Park

# Cultural Facilities

- Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center contract has been let-will under construction in 2011.
- Seattle Asian Art Museum project is on hold.



# Playfields





# Playfields

- Lower Woodland #2 and # 7, Delridge, and Genessee Playfields #1 and #2 were improved with synthetic turf.
- Projects were accomplished at well below budget, with a savings of over \$3.4M.
- Savings are proposed to be used for synthetic turf conversions at Walter Hundley and Washington Park Playfields.

# Major Neighborhood Parks

- Magnuson Park Entry Path completed in 2009.
- Children's Play Garden completed in 2010.
- Washington Park Arboretum Gateway to Chile project completed in 2010.



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- Jefferson Park-Beacon Mountain and Playfield and Jefferson Skate Park are in design, and will be constructed in 2011.
- Discovery Park Capehart site to be restored in late 2011.

# Trails

- Managed by Seattle Department of Transportation.
- Burke-Gilman Extension is on hold due to legal challenges.
- Lake to Bay Trail provides for Thomas Street Bridge to be built later this year.
- West Duwamish Trail will be planned later.

# Environment

- Forest and Stream Restoration (GSP and Kiwanis projects) are being managed by Parks' Natural Resource Unit. \$4.1M
- Community Gardens are being managed by Department of Neighborhoods. \$2.0M
- Shoreline Access is being planned by Parks in coordination with Seattle Department of Transportation. \$0.5M
- Inflation \$1.41M

# Opportunity Fund

First selection process was in 2011 for \$7M:

- Nearly 150 initial proposals from citizens were screened against criteria.
- 94 actual applications were received and reviewed.
- 15 projects have been recommended by the Citizens Oversight Committee

# Opportunity Fund

- A second round of the Opportunity Fund is to be conducted in 2012 for \$8M.
- A third round of Opportunity Fund may occur in 2014 with any remaining funds.